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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

##### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

**East Behm Canal: will be closed north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Black Island to Twin Islands Light to a point approximately 0.6 nautical mile south of Lucky Cove at 55°12.31' N. latitude, 131°15.22' W. longitude.**

##### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

##### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 3-A: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Shipwreck Point to the southernmost tip of Coning Point to the southernmost tip of Datzkoo Point located at 54°43.80' N. latitude, 132°41.83' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately 0.5 nautical miles east of Guide Rock).

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from the **southernmost tip of Point Desconocida located at 55°41.64' N. latitude, 133°31.71' W. longitude** to the northernmost tip of Point Animas located at 55°32.06' N. latitude, 133°27.37' W. longitude to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda located at 55°19.11' N. latitude, 133°27.80' W. longitude.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

District 4: will be open.

#### District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

District 5: **will be open south of a line from Point Amelius to the westernmost Barrier Island then due east to Prince of Wales Island and north of a line from Cape Decision to Cape Pole (all waters of Affleck Canal will be open to normal markers).**

#### District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 7-B: will be open north of a line from Ernest Point to Union Point.

#### District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 9-B: will be open **south of the latitude of Point Sullivan** with the following restrictions:

Gedney Harbor: will be closed east of a line from Swaine Point to Point Cosmos;

Elena Bay: **normal markers;**

Rowan Bay: will be closed east of a line from 56°39.10' N. latitude, 134°16.62' W. longitude to 56°39.47' N. latitude, 134°17.25' W. longitude;

Bay of Pillars: will be closed east of a line from Point Ellis to Point Ellis Light to a point between Rowan Bay and Bay of Pillars at 56°37.42' N. latitude, 134°16.62' W. longitude.

#### District 10

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

**Frederick Sound: will be open south and east of line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Turnabout Island Light then due west to the District 9 boundary line and west of line from a regulatory**

**marker on Bay Point at 57°06.39' N. latitude, 133°18.85' W. longitude to West Point with the following restriction:**

**Kupreanof Island shoreline: will be closed within 2 nautical miles of the Kupreanof Island shoreline east of the longitude of westernmost tip of Schooner Island.**

**Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline north of the latitude of the False Point Pybus day beacon with the following restriction:**

Gambier Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Gambier Island Light with all waters of Snug Cove closed.

#### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within 1 nautical mile of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Point Couverden at 58°11.39' N. latitude and north of the latitude of Point Marsden at 58°03.40' N. latitude.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Chichagof Island: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline south of East Point at 57°48.33' N. latitude and north of Point Hayes, including the waters of Tenakee Inlet;

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of Point Marsden at 58°03.40' N. latitude and north of Parker Point at 57°36.73' N. latitude;

Point Augusta: will be open within 2 nautical miles from the Chichagof Island shoreline and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located 1 nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

**Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Takatz Bay west of a line from Point Turbot at 57°09.85' N. latitude, 134°48.05' W. longitude to a point on the Baranof Island shore at 57°07.37' N. latitude, 134°47.38' W. longitude.**

#### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 8, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2017:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:

**Stag Bay: will be closed southeast of a line from 57°55.00' N. latitude, 136°18.28' W. longitude to 57°54.79' N. latitude, 136°18.79' W. longitude;**

**Lisianski Inlet:** will be closed between 57°54.54' N. latitude and 57°**54.00' N. latitude (near Phonograph Creek), between 136°06.31' W. longitude and 136°05.67' W. longitude (near Steelhead Creek and closed east of 136°03.09' W. longitude.**

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

**Klag Bay:** will be closed north of Rose Point;

**Sister Lake:** will be closed east of a line from 57°38.11' N. latitude, 136°00.36' W. longitude to 57°37.58' N. latitude, 136°00.00' W. longitude;

**Black Bay:** will be closed east of 136°07.90' W. longitude;

**Goulding Harbor:** will be closed east of 136°14.17' W. longitude.

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point and north of the latitude of Scraggy Point with the following restrictions:

**St. John Baptist Bay:** will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

**Sukoi Inlet:** will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point;

**Fish Bay:** will be closed east of 135°35.16' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Sasedni Island with the following restrictions:

**Starrigavin Bay and Mosquito Cove:** will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.78' N. latitude, 135°22.55' W. longitude;

**Olga Strait:** will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

**Nakwasina Sound:** will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline.

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: will be open east of 135°16.00' W. longitude and south of 56°50.00' N. latitude.

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

**Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay:** will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes;

**Rodman Bay:** will be closed southeast of a line from Point Elizabeth to Point Benham;

**Hoonah Sound North Arm and Peril Strait:** will be closed north of a line from 57°28.83' N. latitude, 135°06.62' W. longitude to Pederson Point (on Moser Island).

District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017:**

Section 14-A: **will be closed.**

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point.

Section 14-C: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Taking into account harvests, developing escapements, and effort levels in the Icy Strait/Upper Chatham Strait NSEI corridor areas, it is unlikely that the fishing periods will shift to a 2 days on 2 days off scenario, and likely will remain on a 1 day on 3 days off cycle unless some late season changes in run strength and fishing effort are observed.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: **For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length MAY NOT be retained and sold.** King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Thursday, August 10, 2017.**

Copies of the “2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S5017.

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<i>ADF&amp;G</i>	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830		784-3255
<i>AWT</i>	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000		945-3620	

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**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates**
**Statistical Week 31****Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 6, 2017 for the mid-week opening.**


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**NUMBERS OF SALMON**


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<b>Area</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Sockeye</b>	<b>Coho</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>Chum</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Boats</b>
District 1	10	400	250	16,000	300	16,960	11
District 4	280	4,700	800	75,000	2,600	83,380	22
District 7	5	700	200	80,000	7,500	88,405	18
Section 9-B	5	550	1,500	180,000	8,000	190,055	25
District 10	5	300	1,500	75,000	900	77,705	11
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	1,400	2,400	196,000	3,300	203,100	31
Tenakee/Basket Bay	0	130	500	45,000	700	46,330	5
W. Admiralty shore	0	3,100	3,000	387,000	8,400	401,500	55
Section 13-A	90	3,400	3,400	1,300,000	19,000	1,325,890	78
Deep Inlet THA	5	100	200	400	2,300	3,005	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>14,780</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>2,354,400</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>2,436,330</b>	<b>276</b>

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**FISH PER BOAT**


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<b>Area</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Sockeye</b>	<b>Coho</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>Chum</b>	<b>Total</b>
District 1	1	36	23	1,455	27	1,542
District 4	13	214	36	3,409	118	3,790
District 7	0	39	11	4,444	417	4,911
Section 9-B	0	22	60	7,200	320	7,602
District 10	0	27	136	6,818	82	7,064
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	45	77	6,323	106	6,552
Tenakee/Basket Bay	0	26	100	9,000	140	9,266
W. Admiralty shore	0	56	55	7,036	153	7,300
Section 13-A	1	44	44	16,667	244	16,999
Deep Inlet THA	0	5	10	20	115	150

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Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 122,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 8,700 king and 125,000 chum salmon.

Confidential: Districts 3 and 5.

No reported harvest: Section 13-B and District 2.

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